Safety Recommendation A-67-9

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued Safety Recommendation A-67-9 to the Federal Aviation Administration on March 3, 1967, as a result of the NTSB's investigation of the October 18, 1966 incident in Miami, Florida where a tractor accidentally drove across a fueling hydrant during pre-flight servicing. During a preflight servicing of Eastern Air Lines training flight, T-132, on October 18, 1966, a fire resulted when a tractor was inadvertently driven across a fueling hydrant, rupturing a hose connection and subsequently igniting the escaped fuel. The aircraft involved was a Lockheed Constellation L-1049C, N6219C. Damage from the fire was major at the underside of the right wing, no. 4 nacelle, flap and aileron, and ground equipment sustained major damage. Two men suffered sprained and broken ankles when they jumped from the right wing and a third employee suffered minor burns. The text of Safety Recommendation A-67-9 is as follows:

To the Federal Aviation Administration: It is recommended that it be called to the attention of all air carrier inspectors as a reminder that constant vigilance regarding all aspects of ramp safety is required.

Additional information about the subject incident is below.

NTSB Identification: MIA67I0048

14 CFR Part 91 General Aviation

Aircraft: LOCKHEED L-1049, registration: N6219C

FILE DATE LOCATION AIRCRAFT DATA INJURIES F

LIGHT PILOT DATA

F S M/N P

URPOSE -----

4-0037 66/10/18 MIAMI FLA LOCKHEED L-1049 CR-0 0 0 TRAINING UNK/NR INSTRUMENT RATED.

TIME - 1810 N6219C PX- 0 0 0

DAMAGE-SUBSTANTIAL OT- 0 0 0

CLASSIFIED AS INCIDENT

NAME OF AIRPORT - MIAMI INTNL OPERATOR - EASTERN AIR LINES, INC.

TYPE OF ACCIDENT PHASE OF OPE

RATION

FIRE OR EXPLOSION: ON GROUND STATIC: P

ARKED-ENGINES NOT OPERATING

REMARKS-

DURING ACFT FUELING.TUG RUPTURED FUEL LINE.ENSUING FIRE DAMAGED ACFT WING.